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O 192045Z FEB 77
FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4113
INFO SARCOORD USCG SAN JUAN IMMEDIATE
CG AIR STATION MIAMI IMMEDIATE

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SAN JUAN FOR CG AIR STATION BORINQUEN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CDES, CGEN, OCLR, HA
SUBJECT: AIRPLANE CRASH

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 0622 (O 191825Z FEB 77)

1. DETAILS OF CRASH REPORTED REFTTEL NOW CLEARER. EMBASSY HAS BEEN
IN TOUCH WITH USCG MIAMI AND LEARNED THAT A U.S.
REGISTERED AIRCRAFT, N-3211Q, WITH 8 PERSONS ON BOARD LEFT
FT. LAUDERDALE FOR PORT-AU-PRINCE VIA THE BAHAMAS AND IS MISSING.
PRESUMABLY, THE AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED AT 11:30 FEB 18 NEAR JEAN RABEL
IN HAITI'S
REMOTE NORTHWEST WITH 8 FATALITIES IS THE MISSING AIRCRAFT.

2. USCG HAS PROVIDED TENTATIVE PASSENGER LIST (DO NOT RELEASE
UNTIL VERIFIED) AS FOLLOWS:

RICHARD THEODORE - PILOT
WILLIAM GREEN
JAMES BRIGGS
FRANK ANTHONY MICHALSKI
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JOE RAMOS
CLYDE T. MILLER
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DONALD DULLON

3. THE HAITIAN AIR FORCE REPORTS THAT HAITI'S NORTHWEST COAST IS
COMPLETELY BLANKETED BY A HEAVY STORM. THEY TRIED TO SEND A PLANE

BUT IT WAS UNABLE TO REACH PORT DE PAIX.

4. USCG MIAMI AND USCG SAN JUAN HAVE HELICOPTER AND CREW ON THE WAY FROM PUERTO RICO. CG HELICOPTER SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE LATE TODAY AND OVERNIGHT HERE. NEITHER EMBASSY OFFICERS NOR THE COAST GUARD CAN REACH THE CRASH SITE TODAY. THE AREA IS MOUNTAINOUS, IN HAITI'S MOST ISOLATED AREA, THERE ARE NO ROADS, AND THE ONGOING STORM PRECLUDES MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO FLY TO THE SITE AT NIGHT.

5. EARLY TOMORROW, THE CG HELICOPTER AND AN AMERICAN CONSUL WILL FLY TO THE SITE. THEY PROBABLY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A HAITIAN AIR FORCE OFFICER. THEY WILL REMOVE AND IDENTIFY THE BODIES, SECURE THE PERSONAL POSSESSIONS OF THE DECEASED. AFTER RETURNING TO PORT-AU-PRINCE, THE HELICOPTER WILL TRANSPORT THE REMAINS TO A MORTUARY IN SAN JUAN. MORTUARY SERVICES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE ARE INADEQUATE FOR ACCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE.

6. GOVERNMENT OF HAITI HAS CLEARED HELICOPTER FLIGHT AS WELL AS COOPERATED IN EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF THIS ACCIDENT.

7. RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED FOR CREW AT HOTEL SPLENDIDE. DUTY OFFICER WILL MEET UPON ARRIVAL. WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUEL. ISHAM

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